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BENTON. MISSOURI.

WILLIAM BOSCHER, the eminent German authority on political economy, died at Leipzig, on the 8th, aged 77 years.

The president, on the 5th, sent to the senate the name of Charles Nelson, of Maryland, to be second assistant postmaster-general, vice J. Lowrie Bell, resigned.

The United States revenue cutter Bear went on the rocks at the entrance to the harbor of Sitka, Alaska, on the night of May 28, and will probably be a total wreck.

An inspection of the Mortgage bank of the province of Buenos Ayres is said to show an embezzlement of several millions of dollars in currency by a deposed governor.

The new triple screw cruiser Minneapolis left Cramp's ship yard at Philadelphia, on the 5th, and started down the Delaware river on her unofficial or builders' trial trip.

It was reported from Rio Grande do Sul, on the 8th, that the insurgent general, Saravi, with 4,000 troops, had arrived at Oruhalla, where he was preparing a campaign.

A bill to increase the pensions of survivors and widows of the Mexican and Indian wars from \$8 to \$12 a month was agreed upon by the house committee on pensions on the 6th.

On the assembling of the constitutional convention in Honolulu, on May 30, there was a large crowd of leading persons present. The British minister was conspicuous by his absence.

A court of inquiry to investigate the accident to the cruiser Columbia in her recent trial trip was ordered by Acting Secretary MacDono, on the 4th, to meet when the vessel is placed in the dry dock.

The condition of Judge William Walter Phelps, who is ill at Hackensack, N. J., was very much improved on the 8th, his high fever having been successfully broken.

The German national bank of Denver, Col., closed its doors, on the 7th, owing to its failure to properly collect on customs duties improperly collected in Cuba, was confirmed at the state department on the 8th.

Mrs. Cleveland and her two children left the White House, on the 6th, for the president's summer residence at Bay Mills, and will probably not return to Washington until the middle of October.

On the 6th the governor of West Virginia telegraphed the sheriff of Wood county to take the militia and use all efforts to capture Fry's commonwealthers who stole a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train.

The announcement in the cablegram from Madrid that the United States is pressing a claim in Spain for a rebate on customs duties improperly collected in Cuba, was confirmed at the state department on the 8th.

Representatives of the Mine Owners' association of Scotland unanimously resolved to reduce wages one shilling per day. This was regarded as a direct challenge to the men who, on the 8th, decided to strike.

During the incarceration of their leaders, the Coxeyites in camp at Washington are suffering for the common necessities of life. The municipal authorities are considering what can be done to save them from starvation.

WILLIAM BARR, one of the oldest and best-known of Vandallian engineers, was instantly killed, on the 6th, between Knightsville and Harmony, Ind., by a missile thrown by striking coal miners. He was one of the most reliable employees of the company.

THEODORE P. HATCHEY, the aged president of the wrecked Indianapolis (Ind.) national bank, was, on the 7th, given six years in the penitentiary. In passing sentence Judge Baker broke down and cried like a child. He said that it was the most painful duty of his life.

The attorney-general of the United States has presented a claim against the estate of the late Leland Stanford for \$15,000,000 on account of the Central Pacific debt. The total debt is estimated at about \$60,000,000, and this claim is to embrace one-fourth of all the debt.

SOME of the most substantial business men of Pittsburgh, Pa., irrespective of politics, are organizing to go to Washington to protest against the action of congress. Their purpose, it has been announced, are almost identical with the purpose of the Coxey movement.

UPON an order, issued from Rome, the wife, mother and two children of the socialist deputy Joseph de Felice Giuffrida, recently sentenced to eighteen years imprisonment for complicity in the Sicilian riots, have been expelled from Sicily and ordered to take up their residence at Moras, on the island of Sardinia.

The court-martial at Fort Snelling found Lieut. Maney guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer, and sentenced him to one year's suspension with forfeiture of half pay during that time. A recommendation for executive clemency accompanied the sentence. Maney, who is a West Pointer, killed his superior officer, Capt. Hedberg, who was not a West Pointer.

THE miners' insurrection at Cripple Creek, Col., came to an end on the 5th, a management between the deputy marshals and the militia who were protecting the rioters, by which the former were allowed to make a general alarm, the desperadoes gathered at Bull Hill, and they hastened to make their escape while the deputies were restrained by the militia.

A CRUEL canard, given currency, on the 7th, purporting to come from Vancouver, B. C., that a Raymond-Whitcomb excursion train from Boston, carrying a large party of pleasure tourists from that and neighboring cities, had been engulfed by a cloud-burst on the Canadian Pacific railway in British Columbia, proved to be entirely without foundation in fact.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 4th, the whole day was devoted to the discussion of the sugar schedule of the tariff bill. It was agreed that the vote on the amendments fixing the date of the repeal of the sugar bounty be taken at 1 o'clock on the 5th, and other amendments under the ten-minute rule, and that the sugar schedule be disposed of before adjournment on the 5th. In the house the bill to repeal the state bank tax law was further considered, the remainder of the day being devoted to the transaction of miscellaneous business.

In the senate, on the 5th, after a long, sharp and sometimes stormy debate upon the sugar schedule of the tariff bill and the pending amendments thereto, the votes were taken upon them in the order prescribed by the rule adopted on the 4th. The various amendments offered by republicans were voted down, and the vote was then taken on the original bill. The result was: Yeas, 33; nays, 52.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

State Educational Matters.

The commencement exercises at the state university, Columbia, were highly interesting. The annual alumni address was delivered by Dr. Hannu W. Loeb, the day previous to commencement. Dr. Loeb is a graduate of the university and a native of Columbia. The commencement exercises were brief and pointed. Rev. G. W. Hatcher, of the Baptist church, offered prayer, followed by a brief address by President R. H. Jesse, who introduced Gov. Stone and Lieut. Gov. O'Neale. The governor and lieutenant-governor delivered short addresses appropriate to the occasion.

Hon. W. S. Cowherd, of Kansas City, delivered the commencement address, and it was an able and eloquent effort. The valedictorians were Miss Jennie A. Shafer, of the academic department, a native of Columbia, and Mr. William E. Barton, of the law school, a native of Bourbon, Mo. These addresses were splendid productions.

It was announced that the attendance this year has been greater than ever before in the history of the university, and the prospects are exceedingly flattering.

Gov. Stone arrived in the city the day before commencement, and the board of curators and the state board of agriculture held a meeting. There was much discussion of the proposed resignation from the faculty of the university of Dr. J. S. Blackwell, professor of modern Semitic languages, and Dr. George D. Purinton, professor of biology, both of whom were among the oldest members of the faculty.

The curators appointed Edward Caution, of Columbia, professor of mathematics in the agricultural college, and Prof. J. C. Jones was granted a leave of absence for one year, to visit Europe.

W. B. Richard, director of the School of Mines at Rolla, presented his annual report, which proved highly satisfactory to the board.

Graves of Ex-Confederates Decorated. The decoration of the graves of the soldiers who wore the gray attracted a large throng to the ex-confederate cemetery at Springfield, a few days ago. This burying ground is located in the suburbs of Springfield, immediately adjoining the National cemetery, and comprises about ten acres, enclosed by a handsome and costly stone wall. It is under the patronage of the ex-confederate association of Missouri, and the several hundred graves are carefully attended. Hundreds aided in making the occasion a memorable one in local events. Addresses were made by Col. Vincent Marmaduke, Rev. Dr. Houde and others, and the programme of exercises was concluded by strewing several wagon loads of flowers upon the graves.

Horrible Fate of Two Girls. A gasoline stove exploded at the house of Adam Long, 1526 Central street, Kansas City, on the 7th, killing Mary Glynn, two domestics, were burned badly that they will die. The two girls were alone in a summer kitchen at the rear of the house. They were ironing linen, and attempted to fill the gasoline stove from a five-gallon can. There was an explosion, and in an instant the interior of the kitchen was a mass of flames. Neighbors heard the explosion, and saw the two girls rush out upon the lawn, their clothing on fire. The girls screamed in agony, and in a few minutes neighbors had wrapped their bodies in sheets. The girls were horribly burned. The flesh dropped from Mary's limbs in roasted chunks when an attendant, with the help of a neighbor, stretched her. Nora's face was burned black and swollen so that the eyes were hidden. The hair was completely burned from her head. Every stitch of clothing was burned from both girls.

Lead and Zinc Ore Production. Says a Joplin dispatch: "Capt. J. R. Hildreth has completed his studies for the division of mining and technology of the United States geological survey, and his figures show the total production of lead and zinc ore for Jasper county for the year 1893, to be as follows: Lead ore, 25,455,187 pounds; zinc ore, 181,914,029 pounds. Total value of both products, \$2,308,017. The statistics cover the output of Jasper, Lawrence, Greene and Newton counties, and Cherokee county, Kas. The total production of the entire district represented by counties is \$8,447,255.

Steele & Walker Assets. It is now known positively that the assets of the firm of Steele & Walker, of St. Louis, who failed for almost \$1,000,000, will not permit of a full liquidation of the indebtedness of the firm. An attorney, who represents over \$100,000 worth of claims, stated that he did not think the firm would meet about 75 per cent. of the liabilities.

Dr. Woodson Reappointed. The board of managers for the St. Joseph asylum has reappointed Dr. C. A. Woodson superintendent for the ensuing three years. This was expected, as he was generally known that the members of the board had resigned because of their unwillingness to fall in with Gov. Stone's idea of having Dr. Woodson reappointed, the withdrawing members being Messrs. Thomas, of Albany; Gales, of Kansas City, and Murray, of Clay county.

Dropped a Lamp. The dwelling of Mrs. E. Brewer, of St. Clair, Franklin county, was burned, with its contents, caused by Miss Annie Brewer dropping a lighted lamp.

Caused by Rheumatism of the Heart. H. S. Spurgin, commercial agent of the Missouri Pacific, headquarters at Joplin, died in that city a few evenings ago of rheumatism of the heart.

Fatally Burned. Mrs. Mary Christenson, wife of a farmer living several miles north of St. Joseph, was fatally burned the other day by a gasoline explosion.

Badly Mangled. Ernest Thompson, a young farmer, was run down, with his team, by a train near Hall's station, Buchanan county, and badly mangled.

Shot His Wife and Child. W. L. Marsh shot his wife and child in a Kansas City justice's office. The wife was fatally hurt, but the child, a daughter, will recover.

Col. H. M. Vail. Col. H. M. Vail died in independence. He had been confined in bed for some time, and in cattle raising in Texas.

RUINED COLUMBIANS.

Fifteen Thousand Homeless People in British Columbia—Result of the Fraser River Flood—The Dominion Government Agents Busy Relieving the Consequent Distress—The Water Still Rising—Floods in Northern Minnesota.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 10.—The Dominion government is having a careful estimate made of the losses and losers by the flood.

In the municipalities, corresponding to American counties, it is found by the census, taken carefully as possible, that fully 15,000 people are homeless in consequence of the flooding of the Fraser. What their losses will be or have been can not yet be calculated. The enormous total of homeless ones is made up thus:

Delta municipality, 5,000; Lang, 1,800; Matsqui, 1,000; Sumas, 500; Chilliwack, 3,000; Richmond, 1,500; Burnaby, 8,000; Coquitlam, 200; Maple Ridge, 500; Mission, 500; Dewdney, 500; Nicomen, 300; between Nicomen and Yale, 200, and Yale, 300.

Though the Fraser river is 150 miles long, and all the lower valley is flooded, the greatest damage has been done in a stretch of 100 miles between Landers and Yale.

Col. Baker, provincial secretary, has been personally directing the relief work for the local government. Unremitting attention on the part of the government is being required by the unfortunate settlers, many of whom are dependent upon the calling of relief funds for what little they get to eat. The majority of refugees are still sleeping in tents on the mountain side.

The Fraser River's Devastation Has Not Ended. VANCOUVER, B. C., June 10.—Reports received here from the interior state that the Fraser river is still slowly rising. The rises reported range from 1 inch on the lower river to 12 inches at Lytton.

The steamship Queen, bound for Alaska, called here Friday to take on board the Raymond excursion party from Boston, who were erroneously reported to have been wrecked. The excursionists are still foodbound and, as there was no chance for their getting through from Bank for a week at least the Queen sailed for Alaska without them.

Every Bridge Swept Away. DELT, Minn., June 10.—Floods along the lakes and rivers north of the boundary line have taken out every bridge on the line of the Port Arthur, Duluth & Western road between Port Arthur and the western terminus of the road in Minnesota. They are being rebuilt, and travel will be resumed in a few days.

WRECK ON THE VAN. The Fast East-Bound Express Ditched Near Pocatello, Id.—The Fireman Killed—Many Hurt—The Postal Clerk Suffered the Most Severely—The Accident Due to the Breaking Down of the Engine—The Casualties.

ST. LOUIS, June 10.—The through express, east-bound, which left here at 5:10 a. m. on the Vandalla road, was ditched on a sharp curve a mile east of Pocatello, Id., 40 miles east of this city. The train was running at a rate of 40 miles an hour.

The engine toppled over in the ditch, and two mail cars, a combination baggage and passenger car were badly wrecked, and the ladies' coach was turned over on its side. Fireman S. A. Poulton, of Terre Haute, Ind., was buried beneath the tender and probably instantly killed. Engineer Thomas Menifec, of St. Louis, was badly injured with his arms and shoulders. Postal Clerk Albright was seriously injured about his chest. A number of passengers are reported badly injured. The accident is believed to be due to a broken piece of machinery on the locomotive.

The following is a list of the killed and injured:

KILLED. S. A. Poulton, fireman, Indianapolis, Ind. H. Albright, postal clerk; head, chest and back; dangerously. H. W. Brounson, postal clerk; head, shoulders and chest; slightly. C. Unverson, postal clerk; head, hip and knee; slightly. Oscar Van Horn, postal clerk; head, shoulder and back; seriously. F. H. Riley, postal clerk, head and back; slightly.

I. M. Barnett, postal clerk, arm scalded, back hurt; seriously. J. Byron Humes, postal clerk; leg slightly hurt. Thomas Menifec, St. Louis, engineer; one finger cut off, badly bruised about head and face. G. H. Tremble, conductor; hand badly injured.

Miss Anna Bachelor, prostrated from fright; will recover. Samuel Richards, Denver; bruised badly in arms and legs. Mrs. Chapman, 653 Dale avenue, St. Louis; slightly bruised. Miss Lizzie Riley, Hartsville, Ill.; badly bruised.

The injured were removed to private residences in the neighborhood of the wreck, and are receiving every possible attention. The majority of the passengers were from St. Louis, but a few are from points west and south of here. A special train was made up, and after four hours' delay the remaining passengers were carried east.

THE WEEK'S RECORD Of Business Failures in the United States and Canada. NEW YORK, June 9.—The returns of failures are still encouraging—216 in the United States for the week, against 225 last year, and for the year, against twenty-seven last year. The liabilities in all failures reported in the month of May were \$13,305,357—about \$5,420,000 at the east, \$4,500,000 at the south and \$3,400,000 at the west. Of the aggregate, \$5,165,025 was of manufacturing and \$8,683,405 of trading concerns.

A Singular Verdict. ST. LOUIS, June 9.—The coroner's jury in the case of John Thomas, shot and killed by Mate Hurst, of the steamer Pittsburgh, returned a verdict of "killed in self-defense," notwithstanding the establishment of the fact that Thomas was running away as fast as he could when Hurst shot him. The grand jury may take a different view of the matter.

LATER—Mate Hurst and the witnesses were taken before the grand jury, and on the same testimony given before the coroner's inquest, the grand jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" in the second degree was at once found.

THE LABOR TROUBLE.

At Cripple Creek, Col., Bided by Agreement—The Full Terms of the Settlement—The Miners to Receive "Borewell" Property and Give Up Their Arms—Brooks and the Militia to Guarantee the Peace.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., June 10.—The labor difficulty in this district was settled last night by definite agreement, first, between Messrs. Hagerman, Moffat, and the small mine owners at Colorado Springs, and second between the county commissioner and Gen. Brooks, at a meeting held at military headquarters in Altman. The terms of this agreement are: First, that the deputies will be at once withdrawn from the camp second, that the mine owners shall be given immediate and peaceful possession of their property; third, that the militia shall furnish protection equally to miners and the mines; fourth, that troops shall remain in the district at least thirty days and as much longer as the county commissioner may deem necessary to secure perfect smoothness in the operation of the mines; fifth, the miners are to deliver up to the commanding general all arms of their own and those taken from others, together with all personal property belonging to others, borrowed or otherwise acquired, and all material taken from mines; sixth, troops are to be stationed at Cripple Creek. Barry and Victor with headquarters at Altman; seventh, persons for whom the sheriff has warrants shall be arrested by Gen. Brooks and shall be turned over to the sheriff at Colorado Springs. The deputies broke camp at Victor yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and started at once for Colorado Springs, where they will disband.

The matter of opening the mines was also freely discussed, and most of the owners present were in favor of starting work as soon as possible and giving Gen. Brooks a full opportunity to show that he can and will perform what he has promised. The chances are, therefore, that some of the mines will be opened to-day, and unless Gov. White changes his mind and sends new orders to Gen. Brooks the whole district will be in operation within a week.

RAISED THE PRICE. Land Condemned for a National Park Near Chattanooga, Tenn. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 10.—Several months ago the government condemned twelve acres of land north of Chattanooga, upon which was located what were known as Sherman's old earthworks, and sought to purchase the property from Squire Ford, its owner, for the purpose of making a national park of the land, and it was intended to spend \$250,000 on the work, but Squire Ford asked such an exorbitant price that a jury was named to assess the value.

The jury brought in an assessment of \$400 per acre. This suited neither the owner or the government, and the jury was discharged. Another jury was then appointed, who went through the same tactics of examining property and surprised everybody Saturday by bringing in a report assessing value of the property at \$825 per acre. An appeal will be taken today and Judge Key will try the case soon.

COXEY, BROWN AND JONES, The Leaders of the Commonwealth, Released from Prison. WASHINGTON, June 11.—Coxey, Brown and Jones, the leaders of the commonwealth were released from jail at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. No demonstration attended their departure. They shook hands with the deputy marshals and watch officers, thanked them for their considerate treatment and entered a carriage driven by Oklahoma Sam, and drawn by four commonwealth horses.

At the district line the "wealers" from the camp were drawn up in line to receive the distinguished party. They unlinked the horses and themselves handed the liberated leaders to the camp. Coxey and Brown rode during the afternoon. Coxey said it now looked as though the men might extend their stay at the capital into the winter. He said he was going to make an address on the Fourth of July at Knoxville, Ky., for which he would be paid \$250. He also had other engagements to speak during the past month.

In speaking of his chances for election to congress, Mr. Coxey said he was not acquainted with the situation of affairs in the Massillon district, as he had not been at home for about three months. Advice received from friends there, however, indicated that he would be successful.

SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE. The Effort to Have the Tariff Law Go Into Effect July 1. WASHINGTON, June 11.—The fourth draft of the pending tariff bill which was laid before the senate for consideration in April last, names the 30th of June as the time when the law shall go into effect. That day ends the fiscal year, and throughout the year the debate which has since occupied the senate, Mr. Jones and Mr. Harris have contended that they would begin collecting duties under the new law with the beginning of the new year.

The present condition of things hardly supports their belief. There are several very important sections yet to be considered, to say nothing of matters that have been left open pending final action when the bill comes out of the committee stage and goes into the senate.

A Destructive Fire in Kansas City—Two Firemen Injured. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 11.—Fire last evening in the extensive wholesale district in the West Bottoms destroyed about \$300,000 worth of property. The fire, which was of unknown origin, started in the large agricultural implement warehouse of Buford & George, spread so rapidly that this establishment, together with the warehouse of the Keystone Implement Co., adjoining, were totally destroyed. Two firemen were slightly injured by a falling floor. The insurance is \$175,000.

The Imperial Currency Commission. BERLIN, June 10.—The imperial currency commission has adjourned, and its minutes and speeches are in the hands of the printer. The original intention of the commissioners was to keep their proceedings secret, but, with the government's approval, they eventually decided to make all the details public, and thus forestall the false reports which interested persons might spread. The commissioners who are friendly to silver have arranged for a cheap pamphlet, in which the whole record of their sittings will be set forth at great length.

FARMING IN FOREIGN LANDS.

Luxuriant (alfalfa) growing has proved eminently successful in the dry districts of Australia.

The Hessian fly is reported to have done great damage to the wheat fields of New Zealand last season. Its total wheat crop last year was 203,000,000 bushels.

An Australian farmer reports a crop of 750 bushels of alfalfa out of ten acres of land. Another one eclipses this by a crop of eighty bushels to the acre.

The British chief secretary for Ireland has been urged to establish a department of agriculture in Ireland. His reply is very encouraging to the friends of the project.

The American trotting horse is becoming popular in Italy. Of the 693 private stallions in that country which were approved by the official inspectors seventeen were American.

The French have introduced coffee culture in Tonquin with good prospects of success. Both the Liberian and Arabian varieties of coffee trees are in cultivation, and all are reported as doing well.

New Zealand flax, Phormium tenax, is a plant of the lily family, and it is calculated that not less than eighty varieties of it are grown in New Zealand. It is also grown, to some extent, in the Chatham and Norfolk islands.

The dairy industry has grown rapidly in New Zealand. The exports of dairy products advanced in twenty years from \$45,000 in 1872 to \$1,500,000 in 1892. The colony now has 100 establishments for all kinds of the manufacture of butter and cheese.

PEOPLE. ASA COWDEN and wife, of Amesbury, Mass., have just celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. GREENE GRAY is the name of a new doctor who has located at Kensington, Kan., and advertises that he has just graduated from a medical college.

SENATOR JOHN SHERMAN has scrap books covering the history of the United States for the past thirty-eight years. He has been keeping his letters since he has been, and everything of value has been saved.

REV. DR. R. A. PATTERSON, late president of Birmingham college, and founder of the first women's training college in America, is about to return to Edinburgh, Scotland, his native city, to resume the pastorate after forty years' absence in this country.

CONGRESSMAN DUNK, of New Jersey, suffered a good deal of hardship during his early years, and at eleven years of age actually did not know the alphabet. He served on a farm, as a sailor boy, and learned steam molding, brass turning and gunsmithing. While thus employed he devoted his evenings, Sundays and holidays to study.

HAMILTON COUNTY, O., now reports its first woman pleader, Miss Nellie G. Robinson having appeared a few days ago in the criminal court of Cincinnati, as counsel for a fellow accused of burglary. She is credited with having conducted the case well, even eloquently, but as a sympathetic jury brought in a verdict of guilty against her client.

SMILES. EXPECT every man to do his duty, and with all your expectations expect to be disappointed.—Galveston News. THERE is much tenderness in this seemingly cruel world, but the butcher rarely finds it.—Cleveland Plaindealer. "Jest think, captain, the major has actually married the rich old maid."

"Obviously he wanted to have his golden wedding at once."—Filene's Blatter. THE other day Johnnie saw a branded mustang on the street. "O, mamma," he shouted, "just look how they're gone and vaccinated the poor thing!"—Harper's Young People.

Doctor—"Did you apply a mustard plaster to your spine?" Patient—"Yes." Doctor—"Didn't you find it a great help?" Patient—"No. I felt that it was a great draw-back."—Medical News. HOUSER—"What blamed nonsense to speak of money as having wings." Mrs. Houser—"Humph! I dunno. Everybody says the only thing that keeps you from flying high is the lack of it."—Buffalo Courier.

A LITTLE MISCELLANY. THERE are less than 300 pure blooded Greenlanders. PHOTOGRAPHS have been taken 500 feet under water. THE armadillo is the mouse of South American families.

A SACRAMENTO gardener irrigates his garden by dog power. A PHILADELPHIA has invented a four-wheeled flying machine. A SWEDISH copper mine has been worked without interruption for 800 years.

THE MARKETS. NEW YORK, June 11, 1894. CATTLE—Native Steers..... 4 40 4 50 COTTON—Medium..... 12 10 12 15 FLOUR—Winter..... 1 10 1 15 WHEAT—No. 2 Red..... 61 1/2 61 3/4 CORN—No. 2..... 40 1/2 40 3/4 RICE—Lowland..... 12 1/2 12 3/4

ST. LOUIS. COT